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MINUTES OF THE TELEPHONE CALL WITH DENNIS STEFANI, EPA REGION X, REGARDING
THE PCB FINAL REGULATIONS AND THE BOTHELL SUBSTATION PCB PROBLEM--October 26, 1977

Stefani indicated that the latest word that he had heard on when the final PCB regulations would be issued would be the first part of December. However, as we know the federal government is not always prompt so a more realistic estimation would be the first of January. He did not know if the final regulations were any different than the proposed regulations except for low voltage transformers.

Regarding the PCB problem at the Bothell Substation, he indicated that we should continue to monitor the situation to make sure that concentrations do not increase in the future. In addition, he indicated that a glass bottle should be used in taking all samples to be analyzed for PCBs. In trying to detect such low levels of PCBs, all precautions so as not to contaminate the sample must be taken. I asked him if there was a lab in town that they would recommend or which would have sensitive enough equipment to detect such low levels. He said he really didn't know and gave me the name of someone in his EPA lab to contact. He told me to contact Bob Rieck at the EPA lab, telephone number 442-5840. Regarding the drinking water situation, he said that I should talk to Roy Jones, 442-1223, in their drinking water section for further information. In addition, he indicated that we should seriously consider Jack Sceva's recommendations for investigating the sanitary sewage situation at the Bothell Sub to determine movement of the PCBs in the area. He indicated that proper sampling once or twice a year to determine the concentration level would probably be adequate. With concentration of one part per billion PCB, EPA is presently not concerned about an immediate health hazard. However, they did not rule out the possibility of some adverse health effect being detected in the future which could be linked to PCBs and therefore caution should be taken and proper monitoring should be done.

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